



**Engineering Services &
Products Company**

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To Members of the Labor Committee:

My name is Charles Clark, Chairman and Founder of Engineering Services and Products Company. We manufacture soft sided shelters and greenhouses and distribute them and thousands of other items throughout our Farmtek, ClearSpan, and TekSupply catalogs. Sales in 2008 reached 100 million dollars. We employ 320 with approximately one third of these employees working in our South Windsor Headquarters and manufacturing facility, but twice as many in our Dyersville, IA Distribution and Manufacturing facility.

I am writing to voice my opposition to HB-6187, which would require Connecticut employees to provide paid sick leave. This proposal will increase our business costs.

At one time back in the 1980's we had more than fifty employees here and none in Iowa. I love living in Connecticut and probably we will always have our headquarters here, but we have found Connecticut a high cost state to do business in. Consequently as we have grown more jobs have been placed in IA than CT. HB-6187 would only further tilt the scales against Connecticut and make it less competitive in the future.

We urge you to reject this proposal and work with the business community to control labor and workplace costs in Connecticut.

Charles R. Clark, Jr.
Chairman and Founder